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<i>Art Unit</i>	3621
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Backer
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	Sony-02400

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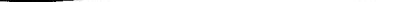
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AMENDMENT

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.